

REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance of the subject patent application are respectfully requested.

Applicants' representative wishes to thank Examiner Phu for the courtesy extended during the telephone discussions regarding the subject patent application. Applicants have amended claims 1 and 6 based on these discussions and these amendments are believed to address the issues raised by the Examiner in the office action. Amendments of a formal nature have also been made to claims 2 and 5. Consequently, claims 1-6 are believed to be in condition for allowance.

The pending claims are believed to be allowable and favorable office action is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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